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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Sambasivan et al.)
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Serial No: 09/895,866)
) Attorney Docket No. 5991
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Filed: June 29, 2001)
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For: CONDUCTIVE AND)
ROBUST NITRIDE)
BUFFER LAYERS ON)
BIAXIALLY TEXTURED)
SUBSTRATES)

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DECLARATION DISCLAIMING INVENTORSHIP

I, Robert K. Williams, declare as follows:

1. I have read and understood the specification and claims set forth in the above-identified patent application.
2. I am listed as a co-inventor on United States Patent No. 6,447,714, together with Amit Goyal and Donald M. Kroeger.
3. I confirm that with respect to the aforementioned '714 patent, I did not invent the subject matter relied on therein to reject the above-identified patent application. In particular, with regard to claims 1-5, 8, 15-17 and 19, I did not invent a biaxially-textured article having a biaxially-textured substrate with at least

one epitaxial nitride layer thereon—regardless of substrate or nitride layer identity, or substrate texture, and I did not invent such an article with an electromagnetic layer. Further, with respect to such a biaxially-textured article, whatever the composition of an epitaxial layer thereon, I did not invent (a) use of substrate having a {100} <100> orientation texture, (b) a biaxially-textured metal or alloy substrate, nor (c) such an article further having an oxide buffer layer and cited against the above-identified application an electromagnetic or superconducting layer.

4. The subject matter of the '714 patent cited against the above-identified application was invented by Amit Goyal and Donald M. Kroeger.

I hereby that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issued thereon.

Robert K. Williams

Date